

Homeless Education Liaison Orientation and Self Assessment
The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act:
Effective Education for Homeless Children and Youth in Vermont

Homeless Education Website:

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_homeless.html

TRACKING HOMELESS STUDENTS

- ___ I have received the 2009-10 McKinney Vento Information Packet from the Dept of Education
- ___ I have reviewed the McKinney Vento Act: Effective Education for Homeless Children and Youth self tutorial powerpoint on the Homeless Ed website:
http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/pgm_homeless/toolbox/liaisons_providers_0808.pdf
- ___ I am familiar with the resources on the website, including:
- The federal definition of homeless at:
http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/pgm_homeless/definition.pdf
 - The Vermont Homeless Children and Youth Project brochure at:
http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/pgm_homeless/educ_homeless_brochure.pdf
 - The Homeless Education Liaison contact list:
http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/pgm_homeless/educ_homeless_liaisons.pdf
 - The Homeless Education Liaison Toolbox:
http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_homeless/toolbox.html
 - The Summary of Key Provisions of the McKinney Vento Law:
http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/pgm_homeless/resources/key_provisions_summary.pdf
- ___ I use the Homeless Liaison Worksheet to guide the determination of homeless status and school enrollment, and to track student data for EOY reporting:
http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/pgm_homeless/toolbox/liaison_worksheet_0708.pdf
- ___ Copies of the Homeless Education Newsletter are reviewed and filed electronically or in a notebook for future reference.
- ___ Data of the number of homeless students served by grade level as well as place of residence when identified is reported to the DEO by July 31st.

TRAINING YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

- ___ Our school enrollment forms include a question regarding “housing issues”.

- ___ All schools have the “Information for School Aged Youth and Information for Parents” posters prominently displayed.
- ___ Training sessions have been held or will be scheduled to train the school community to identify and refer students who may be homeless using the “McKinney Vento Act: A Liaison Training Tool for Administrators, Faculty and Staff” powerpoint presentation at: http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/pgm_homeless/toolbox/admin_community_0109.pdf
- ___ I use the “Liaison Referral Form” and the “Getting It Right Flowchart” in my training sessions

TEAMING UP WITH COLLEAGUES

- ___ I can access the complete list of Vermont Homeless Education Liaisons on the DOE Homeless Education website.
- ___ When a homeless student is identified in my district, I contact the Homeless Education Liaison from the school of origin to coordinate school placement and transportation.

Common Questions

- Why is it important to identify a homeless student?
- Who is responsible for determining homeless status...the liaison from the SU where the student is currently residing or the liaison from the school of origin? Who arranges transportation to school of origin?
- What is the school of origin? Can a family have more than one school of origin?
- If a family from my SU becomes homeless and moves to another SU, what are my responsibilities as Homeless Liaison
- Do I need to submit the worksheets to the Department of Education?
- Who do I call for technical assistance with questions about students or the legal requirements of the McKinney Vento law?